National Climate Assessment Timeline and Milestones

NCA Development and Advisory Committee

August 2011
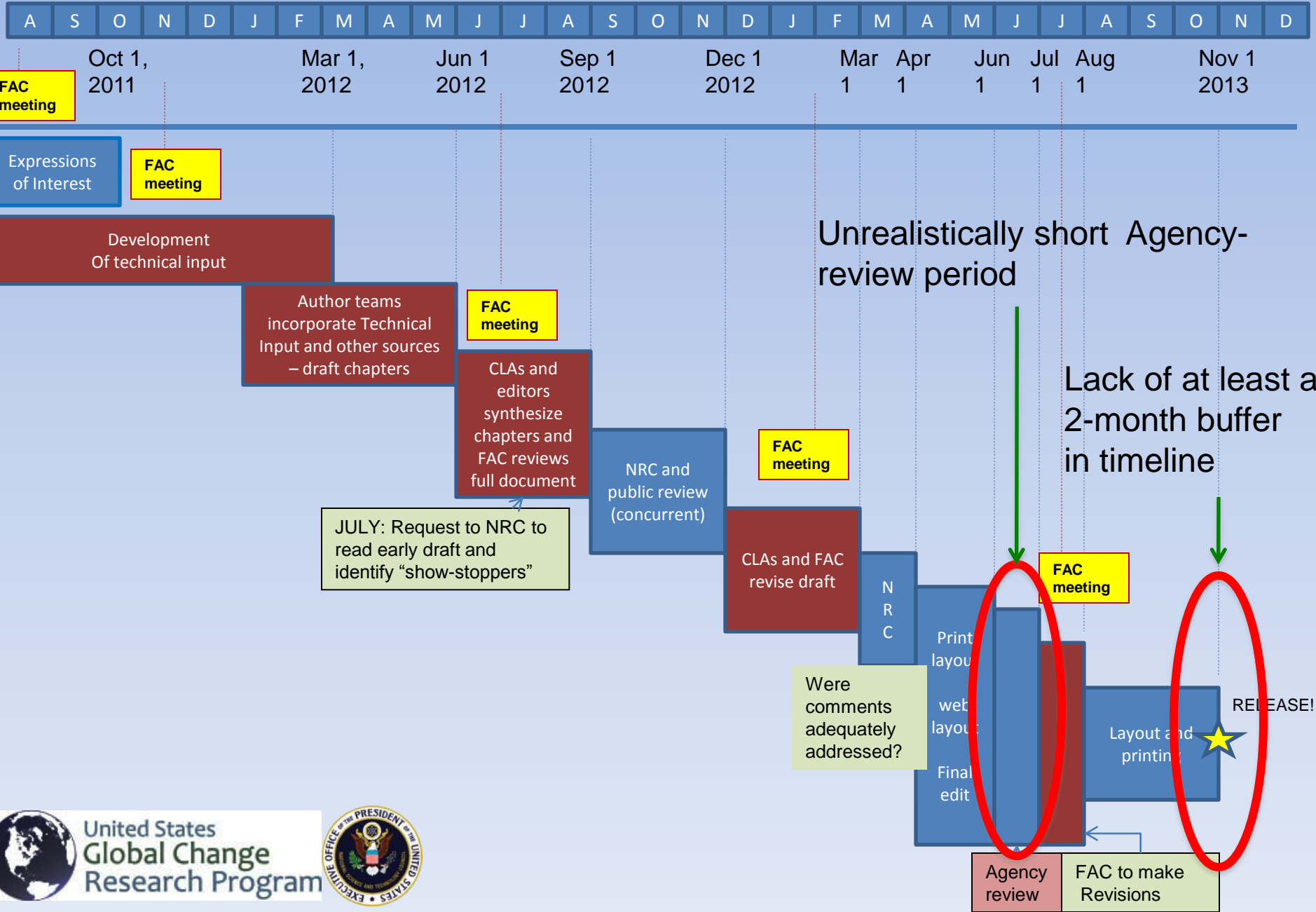
Timeline issues that have stimulated an ES review of the 2013 Report
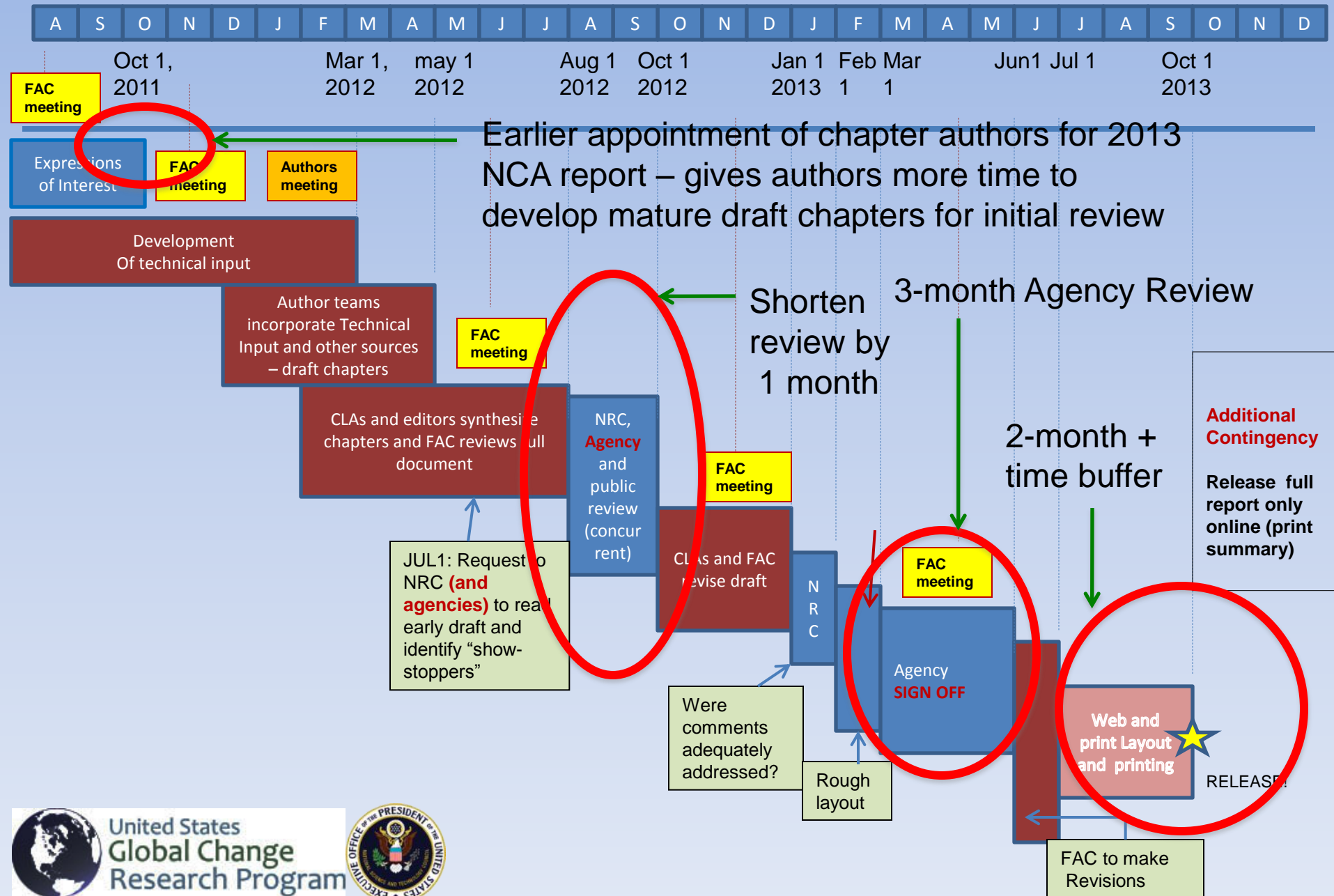
◆ "The FAC has spoken and it was heard"

◆ Primary issues

- No built-in buffer in the report timeline

- Agency review period too short

- No "Plan B" – (e.g., a staging plan that moves topics from the 2013 report to post-2013 NCA products)

"Production" Timeline for NCA - <u>original</u>

A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D

Oct 1, 2011   Mar 1, 2012   Jun 1 2012   Sep 1 2012   Dec 1 2012   Mar 1   Apr 1   Jun 1   Jul 1   Aug 1   Nov 1 2013

FAC meeting

Expressions of Interest

FAC meeting

Development Of technical input

Author teams incorporate Technical Input and other sources – draft chapters

FAC meeting

CLAs and editors synthesize chapters and FAC reviews full document

JULY: Request to NRC to read early draft and identify "show-stoppers"

NRC and public review (concurrent)

FAC meeting

CLAs and FAC revise draft

Unrealistically short Agency-review period

Lack of at least a 2-month buffer in timeline

N R C

Print layout

web layout

Final edit

Were comments adequately addressed?

FAC meeting

Layout and printing

RELEASE!

Agency review

FAC to make Revisions

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"Production" Timeline for NCA - contraction

A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D

Oct 1, 2011

Mar 1, 2012

may 1 2012

Aug 1 2012

Oct 1 2012

Jan 1 2013

Feb 1

Mar 1

Jun1

Jul 1

Oct 1 2013

FAC meeting

Expressions of Interest

FAC meeting

Authors meeting

Development Of technical input

Earlier appointment of chapter authors for 2013 NCA report – gives authors more time to develop mature draft chapters for initial review

Author teams incorporate Technical Input and other sources – draft chapters

FAC meeting

Shorten review by 1 month

3-month Agency Review

CLAs and editors synthesize chapters and FAC reviews full document

NRC, **Agency** and public review (concurrent)

FAC meeting

2-month + time buffer

Additional Contingency

Release full report only online (print summary)

JUL1: Request to NRC **(and agencies)** to read early draft and identify "show-stoppers"

CLAs and FAC revise draft

N R C

FAC meeting

Agency **SIGN OFF**

Were comments adequately addressed?

Rough layout

Web and print Layout and printing

RELEASE!

FAC to make Revisions

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New timeline depends on rapid identification and deployment of authors.

Next 2 months:

- Now: Set criteria for selection (primarily: recognized topic expertise)
- By Aug 31: Draft list of CLAs produced by Exec Sec
- Aug 31-Sep15: CLAs 'vetted' by FAC – 2 weeks for comments
  - Ask for nominations for a full set of co-authors.
- Early Oct: CLAs meet with Exec Sec and available FAC
  - Identify author teams
  - Develop outlines of chapters
  - Review lexicon of uncertainty, risk etc
- Oct 15 - CLAs send proposed full author teams to FAC for vetting
- Oct 22 – FAC responds with comments
- Nov 1: Release FRN with list of authors
- Nov 15: FRN comments received Nov 15 in time for the next NCA meeting

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- IF author teams are not in place by next FAC meeting (Nov 16th):
  - shift entire timeline to the right (1 month hedge)
- IF author teams not in place by Dec 31st
  - start to consider additional "staging" options that were laid out at Nov FAC meeting
    - i.e. chapters removed from 2013 report become part of the sustained assessment process post 2013 and are issued as NCA products in 2014 and beyond

Current vision for post 2013 report will be discussed in Agenda slot 24:
- Indicators
- Regional updates
  - including CMIP 5
  - evaluation of adaptation and mitigation options
- More in depth scenario development
- Enhanced International considerations
- Expanded oceans/marine resources
- Additional contingency for 2013 is to stage (i.e. add items to this list)

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